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SUBJ: BIOGRAPHIC REPORTING: HOSSAIN DAVOUDI, IRANIAN AMBASSADOR
TO AFGHANISTAN

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1. CONTRARY TO INFORMATION RECEIVED FROM MFA SOURCE, HOSSAIN DAVOUDI, PRESENT IRANIAN CONSUL GENERAL IN ISTANBUL, WAS NAMED AMBASSADOR TO AFGHANISTAN NOVEMBER 24. SON OF A MULLAH FROM MASHAD, DAVOUDI AFFECTS HUMBLE MANNERS AND ENJOYS INFORMAL ENTERTAINMENT. AT SAME TIME HE HAS HIGH OPINION OF HIS PROFESSIONAL ABILITIES, IS AVID READER OF HISTORY AND HAS DETAILED KNOWLEDGE OF ISLAMIC CERAMICS WHICH HE ACQUIRED AT GENEVA UNIVERSITY WHEN HE WAS POSTED IN GENEVA.

2. SAID TO BE A PROTEGE OF FORMER FOREIGN MINISTER ARDESHIR ZAHEDI, DAVOUDI HAS SERVED IN VIENNA, GENEVA, MFA AS DIRECTOR GENERAL FOR ADMINISTRATION, AND CONSUL GENERAL IN ISTANBUL. TWICE DIVORCED, HE HAS RATHER SYBARITIC REPUTATION. IN ADDITION TO HIS PASSION FOR YOUNG WOMEN AND OLD CERAMICS, DAVOUDI PAINTS, PLAYS THE SITAR, SINGS, AND ENJOYS VODKA. IN HIS EARLY 50'S, HE SPEAKS ENGLISH, FRENCH AND ARABIC IN ADDITION TO FARSI.
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